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**CITY OF MORGAN HILL
ADJOURNED SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL
AND SPECIAL REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING
MINUTES – JANUARY 25, 2006**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor/Chairman Kennedy called the special meeting to order at 9:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

Present: Council/Agency Members Carr, Grzan, Sellers, Tate and Mayor/Chairman Kennedy

DECLARATION OF POSTING OF AGENDA

The meeting's agenda was duly noticed and posted in accordance with Government Code 54954.2.

CONTINUATION OF GOAL SETTING

City Manager Tewes distributed the draft 2006 goals to the City Council. The question before the Council is how to convert the discussions of the weekend into a formal statement of policies and goals for 2006. He also distributed his notes from the retreat and recommended that the Council review his notes to confirm whether he has captured the gist of the Council's major discussions. He requested that the Council identify dates for accomplishing the draft goals. He addressed the goals identified by the Council.

Council Member Sellers stated that a possibility exists that CYSA may not be in Morgan Hill long term. He indicated that the Council would entertain any proposals or ideas CYSA representatives may have on how they might continue to be a long term part of the community. He noted that the CYSA organization is a significant asset to the community and brings in revenue, kids and other residual benefits. He felt it important to state the City would like to have CYSA stay within the community.

Council Member Carr clarified that the Council's goal remains for outdoor youth sports/recreation for the 38 acres. The City should continue to work with CYSA to find a way for them to remain within the community.

Council Member Sellers noted that one goal pertains to artificial fields based on economics and encouragement of alternative uses.

Mayor Kennedy concurred with the addition of a statement that stipulates the City would continue to work/dialogue with CYSA in order to retain the organization within the community.

Mayor Pro Tempore Grzan stated that the City spent \$7 million on a piece of property to which few, if any, of Morgan Hill residents get to use; benefiting local hotel owners. He noted that this is not the stated reason the property was purchased. He felt the stated goal for this property is to get as many

Morgan Hill youth on the property, as possible. He said that CYSA is part of this goal, but cannot be a hinderance to this goal. He recommended the City take the property and convert it into artificial fields; possibly taking out some of the tournament luster. He stated that he was not interested in purchasing additional property to satisfy CYSA's need for a certain number of fields.

Council Member Tate felt that CYSA may be able to figure out a way to purchase additional properties.

Council Member Carr recommended the Council confirm the original goal as to the reasons for the purchase of the property. However, this does not mean that CYSA should leave the community.

Mayor Pro Tempore Grzan felt that CYSA representatives could work with the City as the Council utilizes the property as originally intended.

Council Member Sellers concurred that the goal was not to turn the property over to a third party. He noted that when the City was able to acquire the property; the Council was not in a position to turn it into an outdoor sports complex. He indicated that it was the Council's choice to allow CYSA to either use the property, or let the property go fowl. Given the choices, it made sense to allow CYSA to use of the property. As the City is now ready to move forward with the land, he does not know if it made sense to allow CYSA to use the property.

Council Member Carr indicated that the word "exclusive" stands out.

City Manager Tewes indicated that CYSA would like exclusive use of the grass fields; excluding community use. It was the Council's policy determination to start building some fields that can be used by the community and CYSA, in terms of artificial turfs. He did not believe that CYSA would be interested in the interim use of the facility unless they had exclusive use of the turf fields.

Council Member Sellers noted that it would not be in the City's best interest for CYSA to leave the area early.

The Council concurred with the third bullet point as follows: The City will continue to dialogue with CYSA about their long term commitment to Morgan Hill.

Council Member Carr did not believe that this third bullet point has anything to do with the 38 acres.

City Manager Tewes clarified that this bullet point is about other opportunities at other locations.

Council Member Sellers referred to the first page that discusses the Downtown Plan Implementation issues. He noted that this item directs the Community & Economic Development Committee to report in April 2006. It was his suggestion that a communication and marketing plan be created that would inform and educate the downtown community and the entire community. He recommended the Council state what it is informing individuals about, as opposed to just educating people in general. He recommended that focus be on the City's economic development efforts or successes; pointing out what the City has done.

Mayor Pro Tempore Grzan indicated that the Council discussed this evening the work of the Public Safety & Community Services Committee. He inquired whether the Council would like to realign some of the responsibilities of the other Committees. For example, does, the Council want to transfer public safety to the Utilities & Environment Committee to better balance the committees?

Council Member Tate noted that at the retreat, the Council admitted that the committees were not balanced based on what is taking place at this time. However, the Council felt that the Committee's work would level off.

Council Member Carr indicated that within the first six months of 2006, the Public Safety & Community Services Committee would complete work on the recreation items.

Council Member Tate indicated that the Council talked about informing the community about a wide range of items that was not specific to economic development.

City Manager Tewes noted that it was indicated that there were already plans to proceed with community outreach on the Redevelopment Agency (RDA) as part of an RDA extension process. He said that there would also be communication about something specific to the downtown.

Council Member Tate said that it was his recollection that the City would produce a series of communications on the downtown after the 3-4 newspaper articles on the Community Conversation.

Mayor Kennedy addressed the Council's meeting schedule; indicating that it was his belief that the Council agreed to hold two meetings per month, with a third possible meeting.

Interim City Attorney Siegel stated that it was his proposal that the Council hold two meetings per month. However, it was the consensus of the Council that it would hold three meetings per month. All Council meetings would be regular meetings. Therefore, the issue about when ordinances are passed/adopted would be eliminated. Staff would endeavor to cancel light meeting agendas.

Council Member Tate indicated that the recommendation to cancel one of the three meetings would be a reaction to a short agenda.

City Manager Tewes pointed out that one of the decisions was made to make all current Council and Redevelopment meetings; joint meetings. He stated that this has the potential of having to post a meeting of cancellation should a regular meeting be scheduled. If there are no RDA items to be considered in any given meeting, this has created a City workload issue.

Interim City Attorney Siegel stated that either a regular meeting would need to be cancelled, or that the Council/RDA includes standing RDA items. It was his belief that there would be more comments on the RDA in 2006 than in past years.

Council Member Carr noted that there would generally be an item on both the RDA/Council meeting minutes at each meeting.

Council Member Sellers noted that more often than not, RDA items are placed on the regular Council meetings.

City Manager Tewes said that if and when the Redevelopment Agency is extended, the Agency Board will have a lot of RDA business.

Interim City Attorney Siegel indicated that if in 6-9 months the Council finds that the three regular meetings per month are not working; the Council can change its meeting schedule.

Mayor Kennedy referred to the second page regarding the Indoor Recreation Center. The goal directs the Public Safety and Community Services Committee to report back on the operation of the Indoor Recreation Center. It was his belief that there was more to this goal than what is stated.

Council Member Carr stated that the Committee would evaluate only the partnership model. He felt the question will be whether the Council will be authorizing staff to go out and negotiate the terms for a partnership. He noted that the Council is not negotiating the terms for a partnership and that it is not conducting contractual negotiations. The Council would be looking at the pros and cons for a partnership model.

City Manager Tewes informed the Council that staff has begun discussing how staff can provide information and analysis to assist the Committee in the first instance and the Council ultimately in this regard; recognizing the Council would like to know the alternatives. He said that it would be difficult, at this stage of the game, to go out and have City staff develop a competing municipal services model compared to the membership model. He suggested the Council leave constant the notion that there is a membership model being proposed. What needs to be evaluated are the implications of the membership model and the implications of an indoor recreation center operated by the City. He noted the Council reviewed the comparison between the membership model and the city municipal recreation model 2-3 years ago.

Mayor Kennedy indicated that a goal would be to make a decision on the indoor recreation center's operational model on February 15.

Mayor Pro Tempore Grzan inquired whether the operational model report would be made available to the Parks & Recreation Commission prior to the Council receiving the report.

City Manager Tewes indicated that the Parks & Recreation Commission (PRC) previously reviewed a report for a recreation model; and that on a split vote, the Council agreed with the Parks & Recreation Commission. However, the Council directed that staff find a way for the YMCA to be involved. In working with the YMCA, they indicated that they would not be involved if it is a contract; but would be involved if it is a membership model. However, a hybrid membership model is on the table at this time.

Council Member Carr said that it will be hard for the Committee to get a recommendation to the Council by February 15, let alone any other type of review process before this date.

Council Member Sellers noted that the Council has past comments by the Parks & Recreation Commission on the operational model.

Mayor Pro Tempore Grzan said that when he first came on board as a Council member, he recommended that the Council make better use of existing commissions and committees. He felt the PRC and the Council are aligned for having the opportunity to review the new model. Setting this deadline would take this opportunity away from the PRC. He felt that they are a capable group and he values their input. He felt that the PRC would like to weigh in on the decision making process.

Council Member Sellers said that the big decisions the Council has to make are the core financial decisions that include operations and programming.

Council Member Carr stated that he would hesitate to ask any of the Council's commission to comment on what a Council subcommittee has been tasked to do: coming up with a recommendation.

Mayor Pro Tempore Grzan questioned whether the Council subcommittees were taking away the duties and responsibilities of what the commissions should be dealing with.

Mayor Kennedy noted that the Council has the report the PRC put together at the time they reviewed the models.

Council Member Carr noted that what was asked of the PRC is what is being worked on at this time. What is not on the table this evening is if the Council should go back and look at the recommendation of the PRC, when they were asked about a purely YMCA model versus a purely municipal model. He did not know if the comparison conducted by the PRC would be helpful.

Council Member Sellers felt this was a decision the Council should be making. He noted that there are still a variety of questions that need to be answered following Council action on the model. The PRC would be forwarded the scope of the model and that the Council could request their input. Their input would be factored in down the road.

City Manager Tewes said that it could be the Council is not interesting in the PRC's opinion on the big decision, but that the Council would like the Commission to implement the model chosen. This may result in the Council not getting buy-in on the model.

Council Member Sellers felt there are certain decisions the Council will need to make. He did not know if there was anything else the PRC would add to the fundamental decision. However, there are many other decisions to be made about programming, who will operate the different programs, and how will they be structured.

Mayor Kennedy said that should the Council decide to go with the YMCA model, YMCA would oversee the model. Should the Council decide to go with a city model, the Council would involve the PRC and staff to work on the municipal model.

Council Member Tate noted that the Committee has been working on the indoor recreation center programming for several months and is making progress. Now, it is being recommended that the programming model be forwarded to the PRC.

Mayor Pro Tempore Grzan recommended that the PRC be allowed to review the work conducted by the Committee to see if they approve or disapprove of the model.

Council Member Tate suggested that the recommendation be forwarded to the PRC as an information item. He indicated that the PRC minutes would provide insight of their comments.

City Manager Tewes informed the Council that the PRC reviewed the summary of the “YMCA Partnership” model. The PRC requested the opportunity to review the results of the survey to which they have. The model and survey results were forwarded to the PRC as an informational item, not for action/recommendation. He indicated that the PRC members who spoke felt the model was not a good idea.

Council Member Carr referred to page 1, Ad Hoc Task Force. He felt the statement captured what the Council ended up with. It is his hope that by April, the Ad Hoc Committee will return to the Council with a performance evaluation schedule.

Mayor Pro Tempore Grzan stated that he looked at the process employed this year and found that it fell short of what it should have been. He felt the performance evaluation process could be made straight forward, cleaner, quicker, and more effective.

Council Member Carr noted the Council indicated it would maintain the current committee structure and membership. He indicated that he presented his suggestions on how Council’s outside appointments might better line up with the Council committee process.

Council Member Sellers felt the Council supported Council Member Carr’s recommendation that the outside assignments align with the Council’s committee structure.

Council Member Tate did not see many changes that would affect this recommendation.

Mayor Kennedy felt the outside agency assignments were in fact aligned with the Council committee assignments.

Council Member Carr indicated that he did not review the outside agency assignments based upon current assignments and where council members sit on committees. He clarified that he reviewed the assignments and identified where the assignments best lined up with the Council committees. He

suggested that maybe one or two council members may need to switch a current outside assignment because the assignments may no longer align with the current committee assignment.

Mayor Pro Tempore Grzan indicated that the frequency of the SCRWA meetings conflict with his schedule.

City Manager Tewes stated that the Council will need to make official appointments to outside agency assignments, even if the Council is confirming the existing committee assignments.

Council Member Carr recommended the Council not assign specific individuals, but that the Council assigns specific roles to the committees. The committees are to decide who is to fill the outside agency assignments. If committee members cannot fulfill these roles based on individual schedules, appointments need to return to the Council for someone outside of the committee to fill this role.

City Manager Tewes indicated that each committee will need to evaluate Council Member Carr's list and determine who among the committee members will serve in the outside agency roles; reporting back to the full Council for appointment.

Council Member Carr inquired whether the entire Council confirms the committee representatives to the outside agency assignments.

Council Member Sellers recommended that every Council committee review the list of outside agency assignments by February 15, 2006. He felt the fundamental decision that needs to be made is whether a committee member is unable to attend the outside agency assignment meetings.

Council Member Carr felt that Mayor Kennedy and Council Member Sellers need to decide who will be the representative on the Cities Association as it falls within the Regional & Transportation Committee; and that the other member would be the alternate to the Cities Association.

Council Member Tate indicated that the Financial Policy Committee met this evening; noting that this committee does not have any other outside assignments.

City Manager Tewes stated that staff will forward Council Member Carr's list to the Council. Council committees are to determine who will serve as the primary and the alternate. The Council will have this information as well as other assignments.

Mayor Pro Tempore Grzan addressed the issue of having a centralized dispatch. It was his belief that the Public Safety & Community Services Committee would review this issue.

City Manager Tewes indicated that at the Council's retreat, the Public Safety & Community Services Committee reported to the Council that this issue is already on their agenda and that they will report back to the Council.

Mayor Pro Tempore Grzan stated that he would like to include the review of the City Charter goal.

City Manager Tewes noted that this was Mayor Pro Tempore Grzan's goal, and was not listed as a Council Goal.

Mayor Pro Tempore Grzan indicated that he would take on the review of the City Charter goal.

Mayor Kennedy felt that the Ad Hoc Task Force would be a goal. Also, under the Downtown Plan Implementation, relating to community and economic development appears to be a goal as well as the statement. He felt the CYSA item would be a policy statement as well as a goal (e.g., City will construct one or more artificial fields for community use; would be a goal).

City Manager Tewes said that staff will implement the construction of the artificial fields as a goal by taking the Council's instruction and modify the Capital Improvement Program accordingly.

Mayor Kennedy felt the statements regarding the CYSA would be goals. He also felt that the YMCA statement would be a goal. Under the budget strategy statement, two would be policies and the last statement would be a goal.

Mayor Kennedy opened the floor to public comments. No comments were offered.

City Manager Tewes informed the Council that staff will write up the policies and goals and place it on a Council agenda for formal action.

Action: *The Council provided the above comments on the proposed 2006 Council Policies and Goals.*

FUTURE COUNCIL-INITIATED AGENDA ITEMS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor/Chairman Kennedy adjourned the meeting at 9:47 p.m.

MINUTES RECORDED AND PREPARED BY:

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